

CITY OF SAN DIEGO AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Meeting of March 13, 2007
Montgomery Field Airport Lobby**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Rick Beach (Special Expertise), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community Planning Group), Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Planning Group), Kevin O'Donnell (Special Expertise), Kathy Monsour (Clairemont Mesa Community Planning Committee), Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field User Group), J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Tenant), Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community Council), Tom Ricotta (Otay Mesa Planning Group), Tom Dray (Montgomery Tower).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Allen Kruse (Brown Field User Group), Juan Escalante (Brown Field Aviation Tenant).

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Tussey, Terry Price, Kristin Camper-Wozniak, John Serrano, Clayton Welch, Christian Anderson, Carmen Brock.

GUESTS: Jim Moore, Rich Martindell, Gerald Blank, Al Boyce, Gary Mullen, Tom Story, Tom Kamman, David Friedman, Larry Rothrock, Billy Davis, Buz Schott, Steve Scoville, Eddie Meyer, Joseph Russo, Troy Fink, Rick Vann, Andrew Metcalf, Spencer Karel, Dawn Darling.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 by Chairman Fink, who announced that a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 13, 2007 regular meeting were approved as written. Chuck McGill abstained from voting.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Larry Rothrock thanked the Committee and all who were involved in the completion of the long-awaited EAA lease with the City.

4. DEPUTY DIRECTORS REPORT

Mike Tussey presented a flow chart depicting the process for completing City projects.

Montgomery Field

The pre construction conference for the blast pad for Runway 28L is set for March 29.

The environmental constraints study for the west side of the airport is now in progress.

The vernal pool restoration project is underway.

Gibbs comments on his lease were received yesterday. The City Attorney is reviewing them. An interim five-year agreement is expected followed by an RFP.

Brown Field

The pre-construction conference for the electrical upgrade project will be in mid-April. The contract has been awarded to Nova Electric.

A bid opening for a building demolition project is set for May 5, 2007.

In response to a question about property acquisition by the Border Patrol, Deputy City Attorney Clay Welch said that any property acquired by the Federal government requires at least a Phase I environmental review.

The Brown Field RFQ closed on February 23, 2007. There were six responders, of which five were fully responsive. A selection panel will convene on March 27. The next step will be public review and authorization from the LU&H Committee to issue an RFP.

Work on the fence on the north side of the airport has been modified by a change order to close a gap that exists there.

A General Requirements Contract has been developed to assist in completing airport projects on an emergency basis.

The City has been awarded back rent following the eviction of a tenant at Brown Field.

Larry Rothrock asked if there was a possibility of having a property agent at Brown Field. Mr. Tussey said he was working on it.

Chuck McGill reported that the windsock at Montgomery Field was not visible from the run up area of 28R because of vegetation.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Sunroad Office Building

Tom Story, Vice President of Sunroad Development and Tom Kamman of Williams Aviation were present. Mr. Story presented a video that was made on February 26 where a twin engine aircraft flew the ILS 28R, circle to land Runway 10L approach to Montgomery Field. The plane was piloted by retired airline captain Dick Jones. The pilot stated that, from the aircraft, he would not be able to distinguish between a building height of 180 feet and a height of 160 feet. Tom Story said that the City issued a building permit to Sunroad with the knowledge that the FAA had a concern with the height of the building. Mr. Story said the two planned additional buildings will not exceed 180 feet, unless the City and the FAA allow it.

There was discussion about a straight-in approach to Runway 10L. Tom Kamman said there are issues that may preclude an ILS approach to that runway, but there may be other options.

Discussion ensued on how to resolve the 180 foot building issue. Tom Ricotta said a solution needs to be found to put it to rest. He suggested that Sunroad give the airport some money for necessary improvements and the City take steps to eliminate the circle-to-land approach.

Tom Story said that if the City would ask the FAA to raise the minimums by 20 feet and FAA complied, a new obstruction analysis could then be requested which would result in a no-hazard determination. If a new straight-in approach to 10L were established, it would be an improvement over the existing circling approach and the circle-to-land approach would no longer be needed.

Chairman Fink said that he was concerned about how the legal machinations would affect the Airport Enterprise Fund. The Fund had previously been used to settle legal claims and is likely to be impacted by this issue. Mr. Fink would like to see the issue resolved without impact to the Enterprise Fund and with procedures put in place that would prevent future development projects from being approved when they are inconsistent with Far Part 77.

Flattop and Marigold

Chuck McGill submitted his report for the subcommittee studying the Flattop and Marigold tie down area. The report will be emailed to the Committee.

6. NEW BUSINESS

AOPA Watch Program

Gary Mullen gave a power-point presentation on the AOPA Watch Program and the updates that have been incorporated. The purpose of the program is to inform the aviation community about issues affecting security at general aviation airports.

May 8 AAC meeting

Following an invitation from Larry Rothrock, it was **moved**, seconded and unanimously approved to hold the May meeting at the EAA facility at Brown Field Airport. The meeting will be at 3 p.m. on May 8, 2007.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Tussey recognized Eddie Meyer from State Assembly member Lori Saldana's office and Kristin Camper-Wozniak from City Council member Donna Frye's office.

Jackie Ander announced that Kristine Kehoe would be on Voice of San Diego at 8:30 discussing the proposed reconfiguration of the Airport Authority.

Following a question, Mr. Tussey responded that Square One negotiations have been referred to the City Attorney.

In response to a question about Corporate Helicopters, Mr. Tussey said that the environmental constraints report would need to be completed and sent to U.S. Fish and Wildlife before negotiations could begin.

Larry Rothrock announced that a grass roots pilots meeting would be held on Saturday at 1:30 at

the EAA hangar at Brown Field

In response to a question, Mr. Tussey said that a VOT was not possible at the approach end of RWY 28R due to interference with ILS critical areas.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Montgomery Field on April 10 at 3:00 p.m.

9. ACTIONS:

It was **moved**, seconded and unanimously approved to hold the May meeting at the EAA facility at Brown Field Airport. The meeting will be at 3 p.m. on May 8, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Price